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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 530
By Westmoreland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Dobyys-Bennett High School Spirit Shaker Dance Team for its second place finish at the national dance team championships in Orlando, Florida.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is proud to celebrate the positive accomplishments of Tennessee's youth, and is most inspired by the energetic, infectious ambition that is characteristic of so many young people in this great state; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary Kingsport Dobyys-Bennett High School Spirit Shakers successfully competed in the National Dance Team Championships in Walt Disney World from January 30th through February 1, placing second in the overall competition; and

WHEREAS, the team put on an impressive performance at the Championships, and also placed 5th in the nation in the Jazz division; and

WHEREAS, members of the Spirit Shakers varsity dance team include: April Adams, Caroline Bovender, Nikki Burdine, Jordan Durnin, Ericka France, Katie Folk, Carly Fraser, Rebecca Godsey, Rebecca Miller, Susan Ress, Ashley Smith, Rebecca Taylor, Megan Walker,

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Jessica Wang, Peyton Wright, Sponsor Terry Benson, Co-Sponsors Nancy Bovender and Karen Reed-Wright, Dance Instructor Kristy Pratt and coach Van VanEaton; and

WHEREAS, these exceptional young ladies are accustomed to achieving top honors for their superior ability; the Spirit Shakers competed against 90 teams in their pom-pom division; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Spirit Shakers Dance Team have consistently demonstrated their superb skills; they will be featured on ESPN throughout the year 2000 on ESPN's National Dance Team Championships; and

WHEREAS, this special group demonstrates the utmost unity and respect for one another as individuals; and

WHEREAS, they have also distinguished themselves in previous years as the TSSAA State Champions in Jazz Dance for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the team dances at the Dobyns-Bennett home football and basketball games, and at pep rallies, and also participates in community service activities for the United Way, Girls, Inc., FunFest, Sevier Middle School, the Children's Miracle Network, and the Junior Spirit Shakers; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded coach, dance instructor and sponsors carefully molded the natural talent of the team into a winning combination; and

WHEREAS, after countless hours of practice and remarkable dedication to their sport, the Spirit Shakers have been rewarded with this much-deserved national recognition; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially honor this exemplary dance team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Van VanEaton, Sponsor Terry Benson, Co-Sponsors Nancy Bovender and Karen Reed-Wright, Dance Instructor Kristy Pratt, and the

Kingsport Dobyys-Bennett Spirit Shakers upon placing second in the National Dance Team Championships, wishing them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.